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Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), U.S. Senate
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Re: Drs. Monarez's and Houry's testimony before the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee (HELP), and violations of Prohibitive Personnel Practices alluded to during the hearing of September 17th, 2025.

Dear Senator Cassidy (and the Senators of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions):

After viewing parts of Drs. Monarez's and Houry's testimony before the HELP Committee[1] and reviewing parts of the transcript and reflecting especially on Senator (Dr) Paul's questioning, I recalled physiology test questions of 50 years ago from Medical School which employed an Assertion (A) – Reason (R) question format:

1. Both A and R are true, there is a R explains A
2. Both A and R are true, but R does not explain A
3. A is true, R is false
4. A is false, R is true
5. Both A and R are false.

As Drs. Cassidy, Paul, and Marshall are all of the same era of my initial medical training, I am sure you will remember the NLME (National League of Medical Examiners) use of such questions in the basic science medical exam (Part I of III) taken after the first two years of medical school. Such A-R questions were later discontinued by the NBME (National Board of Medical Examiners) in the USMLE (US Medical Licensing Examination). Although previously declared as tests of higher reasoning, Assertion-Reason questions were too-likely subject to bias and misinterpretation dependent on the emphasis of the expert questioner's foundational understanding (right or wrong—or just plain biased) and possibly that the questionee's knowledgebase and understanding were less sophisticated, naïve, or just plain different from the questioner's bent and bias. As in Senator Paul's questioning during Dr. Monarez's testimony, the Assertion-Reason question became a distinct form of **paltering**[5] where-in the questioner asserted his knowledge superiority of the facts by discounting other variations, euphemistically distorting fundamental concepts, or just-plain misinterpreting the summarization of the facts. In

paltering, tunnel-vision becomes paramount as in the ancient Indian poem: The blind men and the elephant.[6-8]

What is the foundational postulate of Clinical Immunology that was **paltered** in the aforementioned interaction (and is subliminally and assiduously paltered in this era of monoclonal antibody therapy, etc)?

> Whether a neutralizing antibody(ies) to a specific epitope(s) (antigenic determinant) are developed within the individual (*endogenous antibodies—Active Immunization*) or administered from outside to the individual (*exogenous antibodies—Passive Immunization*)**, the origin within each individual of the neutralizing antibody is irrelevant** to its CLINICALLY appropriate, extremely important indications, timely applications, and subsequent effectiveness in the individual patient. The applications, the implementations, and the co-dependent synergism of ***Active Immunization (AI)*** and ***Passive Immunization (PI)*** are indisputable!

Unfortunately, in our present time as a society, we have garbled euphemistically the concepts of Clinical Immunology and Epidemiology in regards to the appropriateness of administration ***(AI, PI,*** *or* ***Synergistically both PI and AI)***, the timing administration, the *de facto* rationing of administration, etc. which is outlined in the Preface of my transcription of: *Transcript--U.S._Senate_Committee_on_Health_Education_Labor_Pensions_of_Sept-17-2025_10am.docx*

As you are the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions, your Committee has the nominal and actual responsibility to the American people regarding Congressional Oversight of issues within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Office of the Special Counsel, the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, etc. As you stated in your dialog throughout: ***Restoring Trust Through Radical Transparency: Reviewing Recent Events at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Implications for Children's Health****,* Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, this is about restoring trust of the American People in the Federal Government of the United States of America through ***radical transparency***. Thus, I have sent you this cover letter regarding my attached transcription of the hearing that I will upload to the *Internet Archive* so as to preserve for history *ad infinitum* my Preface analyses and the complete hard-copy transcription of the HELP Committee hearing of September 17th, 2025. *Internet Archive* URL: _____

Thank you for reading and considering this submission.

Dutifully and respectfully,

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